

23rd April 1990, brought me a micro-moth which he did not recognise. This was a male *E. postvittana*. This record adds another vice-county (34, West Gloucestershire) to those from which this moth has been taken and reinforces the impression given by recent reports (*Ent. Rec.* **101**: 277 and **102**: 73) that it is currently expanding its range northwards. I have since observed other specimens in my own Bristol garden (ST 5875), within the same vice-county, and it would appear to be well established here.

I was also interested to find in my garden on 30th August 1990 a tephritid fly, *A. purmunda*. White, in his RES Handbook Vol. 10, pt. 5(a), (1988) gives no Gloucestershire or Somerset records and reports no recent records from the west of England. Audcent (*Proc. Bristol Naturalists' Soc.*) **28** (1950) pt. 1: 65) lists his own captures for Somerset at Clevedon as 5.8.40 and 26.8.44. He also gives Gloucestershire records from Bainbridge Fletcher at Rodborough 2.6.36 and from d'Assis-Fonseca at Durdham Down, Bristol 4.9.47.

The Audcent collection, now housed in the City Museum & Arts Gallery, Bristol (Ac. No. 3/1983), has further specimens taken at light in Clevedon by H. Bird on 17.7.50 and 22.7.50. My own capture and these others are of interest as White's information suggests the adult is only usually seen from April to June.— R.J. BARNETT, City Museum & Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol BS8 1RL.

Schrankia taenialis Hbn. (Lep.: Noctuidae) in N.W. Kent.

After reporting the arrival of a specimen of this moth at my garden m.v. light on 13th July, 1987 (*Entomologist's Rec. J. Var.* **99**: 239) I suggested that *taenialis* might still be a resident of this area despite the previous sighting being as long ago as 1984, for Bexley Park Woods. Further evidence for this suggestion was the arrival of another specimen on 10th August, 1990 at the same light.— B.K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent DA5 2HN.

Observations on the genus *Sepedophilus* (Col.: Staphylinidae) in Worcestershire.

The following notes provide many new records for Worcestershire and the West Midland region. In some cases the ecology of the species is difficult to quantify. At some sites elsewhere in England, *Sepedophilus littoreus* occupies exclusively* the more usual niche of *Sepedophilus bipunctatus* (dead, soft, often water-saturated heartwood); the association with ants is presumed to be facultative.

Sepedophilus bipunctatus (Gravenhorst). Decayed willow (*Salix fragilis* L.) Evesham (SP04) 30.ix.1988 with *S. testaceus* (F.), new to vice-county. In felled ash on Bredon Hill (SO94) quiescent with ants *Leptothorax acervorum* (F.) 19.ii.1989. Almost certainly northernmost British records.

S. testaceus (Fabricius). Recorded in January, February, March, June,